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Dear Sir:

The present reissue application adds new claims 14-17. These claims are copied from claims 2, 5, 10, and 11 of U.S. Patent No. 5,305,749 issued April 26, 1994 to Li. The new claims find antecedent basis in the present specification as follows:

14. In an MRI system including an NMR polarizing magnet having opposed upper and lower horizontal poles defining a MRI image volume within a gap between the poles that is open about at three sides, the improvement comprising:

FIGURE 6

a movable patient support having spaced-apart structures supporting a horizontal patient bed and depending therefrom and defining an opening under the bed sized to pass said lower magnet pole

A movable patient support or table 31 has spaced-apart structures, particularly rails or rollers 32 support a patient bed 33 and depend therefrom and define an